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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/891,655

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For: METAL OXIDE POWDER AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2002. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check in the appropriate amount are being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

13. (Amended) A method for producing a calcined metal oxide powder having a narrow particle size distribution except  $\alpha$ -alumina, comprising calcining a metal oxide powder or a metal oxide precursor powder in the presence or absence of a seed crystal in an atmosphere containing at least one gas selected from the group consisting of (1) a hydrogen halide, (2) a component prepared from a molecular halogen and steam and (3) a molecular halogen.